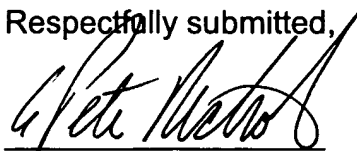


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to correct certain grammatical issues. If, for any reason, the Examiner needs to reach the undersigned attorney, I can be reached at (312) 321-4246.

Respectfully submitted,

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